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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RADICAL FUSAKO SHIGENOBU TV INTERVIEW

ON RECENT JAL HIJACKING

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW OF FORMER LEADER OF JAPAN'S RED-ARMY (SEKIGUN) RADICAL FACTION. MISS FUSAKO SHIGENOBU, DEVOTED TO RECENT JAL JUMBO JET HIJACKING IN MIDEAST. SHIGENOBU EXPRESSED THREAT TO HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET TO GAIN ANTI-IMPERIALIST OBJECTIVES. INTERVIEW FILMED AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN EUROPE EARLIER THIS MONTH BY FUJI TELEVISION CORP AND BROADCAST IN JAPAN AUGUST 14 ON POPULAR FUJI TV WEEKLY AFTERNOON INTERVIEW PROGRAM QTE MEET ME AT THREE UNQTE. INTERVIEW EMCEEDED BY FORMER SINGER-ACTRESS MRS. TOSHIKO YAMAGUCHI. END SUMMARY

1. DURING FUJI-TV INTERVIEW SHIGENOBU STATED THREAT TO HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET IF NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES BUT DECLINED TO COMMENT WHETHER SHE CONNECTED WITH RECENT HIJACKING ADDING THAT THIS MATTER FOR POLICE AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE. SHE DESCRIBED RECENT HIJACKING AS DEMONSTRATION OF QTE OUR DETERMINED BATTLE UNQTE NOT ONLY AGAINST AMERICAN AND JAPANESE IMPERIALISM BUT ALSO AGAINST HEARTLESS ACTS OF GOJ AGAINST PEOPLE OF NARITA AND MINAMATA. (NARITA IS SITE OF NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL

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AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH DELAYED BY RADICAL STUDENTS

AND SOME FARMERS. MINAMATA IS BAY IN SOUTHERN JAPAN  
POLLUTED BY ORGANIC MERCURY WASTES, WHICH HAVE INCREASINGLY  
CAUSED DEATH AND PERMANENT DISABILITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.)

2. SHIGENOBU ADDED THAT RECENT JAL HIJACKING WAS CARRIED  
OUT TO WIN FREEDOM OF QTE RED ARMY (SEKIGUN) COMRADE UNQTE  
IMPRISONED IN ISRAEL FOR HIS PART IN TEL AVIV AIRPORT  
MASSACRE AND TO TAKE BACK CONDOLENCE MONEY PAID  
FAMILIES OF VICTIMS BY GOJ. SHE ASSERTED THAT LETTER SENT  
TO JAL DEMANDING PAYMENT OF YEN FOUR BILLION WAS GENUINE BUT  
WAS IGNORED BY GOJ.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY EMCEE, SHIGENOBU INDICATED  
THAT HIJACKED JAL JET LANDED AT DHUBAI ON SCHEDULE AND  
THAT IT WAS DESTROYED AT BENGALI BY PREARRANGED PLAN. HOWEVER,  
SHE SAID THAT SHE HEARD THAT REFUELING STOP AT DAMASCUS WAS  
NOT PRE-PLANNED.

4. SHIGENOBU SAID THAT SHE IS DETERMINED TO QTE INTENSIFY  
OUR STRUGGLE UNQTE AGAINST IMPERIALISTS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES  
SOUGHT BY QTE OUR COMRADES UNQTE IN VAIN. IN STATING  
THREAT TO HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET IF NECESSARY, SHE  
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PASSENGERS ON HIJACKED PLANE  
WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PROBLEM OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, METROPOLITAN POLICE PUBLICLY  
DISCOUNT SHIGENOBU INTERVIEW REMARKS AS RED ARMY  
PROPAGANDA. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF,  
PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION BUNSEI SATO  
SAID THAT GOJ WANTS TO GET COPY OF INTERVIEW FILM FOR  
DETAILED ANALYSIS. SATO ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE  
TO MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE  
FUTURE HIJACK INCIDENT. HE APPEARED TO BE DEEPLY SHOCKED  
BY HIS OWN FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL OF  
EMOTIONS IN MIDEAST DURING RECENT FLIGHT TO DHUBAI AND  
BEYOND IN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIJACKED PASSENGERS AND PLANE.  
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